

GUATEMALA PERFIN

by Ron Brown

Member Ron Brown reports that he acquired in an Auction a nice perfin of Guatemala and was curious to find out if it was well known and genuine.

He took photo-copies and sent them to the Head Postmaster, Guatemala. Within 3 weeks a reply had been received which pleased him that various people, so far away, had taken so much trouble, time and speed to oblige him.

The letter came from the DIRECCION GENERAL DE CORREOS Y TELEGRAFOS, SERVICIO FILATELICO, REPUBLICA DE GUATEMALA, C.A. and also enclosed a letter from the 'INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF GUATEMALA COLLECTORS' which confirmed that the stamp was genuine and suggested that a world wide expert on perfins etc of Guatemala be contacted - Mr. James C. Andrews, P O Box 298, Conway, NH, 03818, U.S.A.

His reply from Mr. Andrews also confirmed that Ron's material was a genuine perfin of the 1933 issue, and enclosed photocopies of each side of a strip of stamps bearing an almost complete perfin of the 'full specimen Columbian Bank Note Co Chicago'. With this there was a pamphlet entitled "LA TIENDA EL QUETZAL", "1987 CATALOG OF PUBLICATIONS", bearing Mr. Andrews' address.

Ron feels that this pamphlet may be of considerable interest to those whose interests include Guatemalan Philately generally and the perfin might help account for what, so far, have been thought of as 'partial strikes' etc, already held.

EDITOR : The a/m Pamphlet is 4 page, A5 size, in English and has been sent to the Library so that it is

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available to all Members. Owing to the dimensions of the material illustrated, the custom of full-sized reproduction has been given over to reduction in size to provide interest in the perfin mentioned overleaf.

